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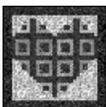
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Marjorie and Martha make dolls and matching doll quilts! Lots of totebags, too! What fun!





President's letter:

It's the most wonderful time of the year! I love fall with the cooler temps and bright sunshine and it makes we want to get outside and enjoy the weather. But I also want to quilt, so how can I do both? By helping with demonstrations at Kentuck! Kentuck is a great place to enjoy the day outside, make quilts, and connect with the public as a guild. I hope you are planning to attend! We need your help and it's a good way to get to know your fellow guild members better!



How is your challenge coming? Was this a fun adventure with the crayon challenge? Do you have an idea for another Challenge? Please let Inez know your suggestions, maybe it will be the one for 2015!

Even if you are a new member, you can tell that we are a very busy guild. We have lots of projects and activities to participate in and that requires a lot of work and effort. If you have an idea or notion, the best way to see it bloom is to join that committee or start a new one! It is the best way to get to know other guild members and helps keep this guild growing! Now, what committee can you help with?



If you checked out packets to piece blocks for our next Opportunity Quilt, please get them done and bring them to me at this upcoming meeting.

We've got quilts hanging at The University of Alabama Medical Center for the next three months. Thanks!

Happy Quilting!

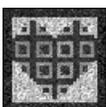
Beth

Congratulations to Laurie, featured as one of six intriguing people in the fall issue of **Tuscaloosa Magazine**: http://issuu.com/tuscaloosaneews/docs/tuscmag_fall2014_cropped/102?e=13664462/9422372



Congratulations to Inez. Her "Korean Dancers" was juried in to the AQS Chattanooga Show! Several of us from WAQG got to see it there. To let you know what a dedicated quilter she is, Inez took the feedback she received from Nancy Hinds, the judge at our quilt show this year, removed the old border and added a completely new one. Check out the before and after shots! She made a wonderful quilt absolutely spectacular!





October 11, 2014, Guild Meeting:

8:45 Basics and Beyond: We all have the Holidays coming up and we will need little gifts to share with colleagues, family and neighbors. Let's play with some fabric scrap ideas that will give you little gifts to hand out and make use of those fabric scraps that you love to save. Something even teenagers will love and kids can help you make. Bring the fun play side of your personality and let's explore. We will also begin our November project which will be Creating a small Watercolor wall-hanging. **Ana.**

9:30 Guild Business meeting

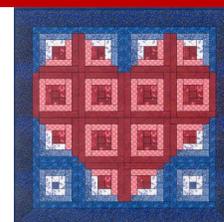
Round Robin projects are to be returned to owners this month!

10:30 Program: **Kentuck preparation.**
Bring your donation items and all that you want to sell. See **page 7** for the **NEW KENTUCK GUIDELINES!** Pick up your badge, too.



Hospitality

Bring food to share when you can. We love our goodies!



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Barbara W 14-16

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Kentuck _____
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Membership Mary B
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Sunshine Julie T
Mini Workshops Charlotte
Major Workshop Charlotte N
Newsletter Laurie P-D
Opportunity Quilt Basics & Beyond class
Publicity/Historical Sharon L
Yearbook Ana S
Challenge 2014 Board
Qui It Show 2014: Beth M
Telephone Tree Nan G
Website Coordinator Laurie
Retreats: Ana S

Upcoming Guild Programs:

November 8: Quilted Gingerbread Houses with Dale Rhodes.

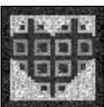
December 13: Our Holiday Party and Challenge!

Welcome New Members:

Jean

Janice





Just Finish It!

Show us what you have finished, check that off your list, and choose a prize ! Let's see how many you can finish in 12 months! We've already seen several projects that our members have Just Finished! If you have not turned in a list—it is not too late. Fill out the Just Finish It form, list up to 12 projects, and leave it with Beth.

"Panel Play"

Community Service Quilts

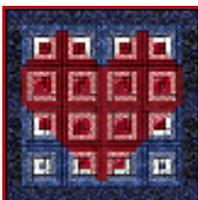
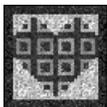


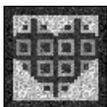
Round Robin 2014

It's time for the original owners to get back their Round Robin projects!

We had one group finish up in September! Here are Laurie, Beth and Debbie - happy about the results.

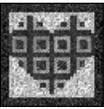






September meeting - lots of quilts for bring and brag and for our "Just Finish It" Challenge.





New Kentuck Procedures

Kentuck is a wonderful experience but it takes a lot of cooperation to make it all come together. **At the September Board meeting the following procedures were established.** Please read the procedures below and help us make this a smooth process.

Please bring **all** your Kentuck items to the October meeting. **Items will no longer be accepted at the set-up day of Kentuck festival.**

Every item needs to have a price tag filled out and attached. Prices are in whole dollars. Taxes and the guild's 10% are taken from your price so add 20% to the price you want to get for the item. (A \$100 price tag will net you \$80 so if you want to take home \$100, your price needs to be \$120).

Every item needs to be listed on an inventory sheet with wording that matches **exactly** to the price tag wording.

We are not reducing prices at this Kentuck so please make the asking price what you want to sell it for.

If you have multiple items of the same thing, please put a note on the price tag so they know to replace it with another from the back stock.

(Example: 1 of 3)

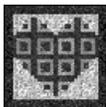
If the item is your donation to the guild, please put WAQG as the Quilter's name on the price tag. These items are listed at the top of the inventory sheet under donated items.

Your items will be checked-in and inventory sheets collected **after** the October business meeting. If you have questions, please don't wait until the meeting because it will be a busy one. Call Beth, Barbara McClarty, Hallie, or Charlotte with questions.

Please fold quilts with the quilt top to the outside so they don't have to be re-folded at Kentuck.

Pick up your name badge for entry to Kentuck at the October meeting.





2014 Challenge: Pick a Crayon!

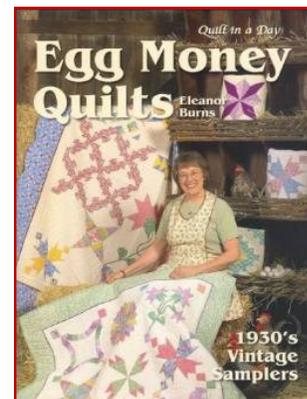
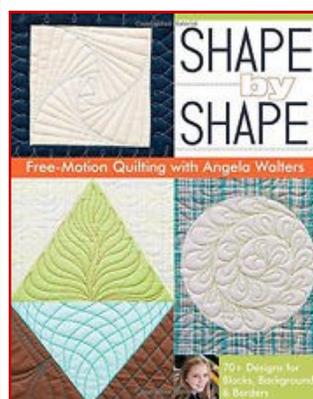
Rules:

1. Limited to one entry per person and must be brought to the Dec. 13th meeting.
2. Item must be made with two or more layers of fabric held together with quilt stitching throughout.
3. The predominant color of your entry must match the crayon you pulled and you should bring that crayon with your quilt to the December meeting. The quilt and crayon should be in a pillowcase that is labeled with the category you are entering. You should drop it off in the lobby when you arrive in December.
4. Item must meet requirements and be entered in one of the following categories:
 - ♦ **Very Small Wall Hanging**—each of the four sides must be less than 20 inches.
 - ♦ **Bigger Wall Hanging**—one or more of the four sides must be between 20 inches and 40 inches.
 - ♦ **Miscellaneous**—this includes wearables, household items, and 3-D sculptures. Item cannot be larger than 40 inches in any dimension.

Prize ribbons will be awarded based on the votes of members present at our December 13th meeting. We will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons in each category and a Best of Show ribbon.



Library Notes: New on our shelf:



Also—you might enjoy these:

Free Online

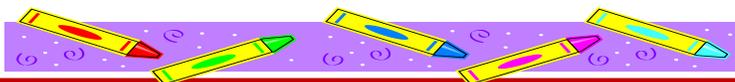
Angela Walters demos—<http://www.quiltingismytherapy.com/homepage-test/machine-quilting-resources/machine-quilting-video-tutorials/#mg>

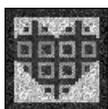
Eleanor Burns—<https://www.youtube.com/user/quiltinaday>

Linda Seward—<http://www.lindaseward.com/2007-to-present.html>

Suggestions and donations welcome! Retired books are on sale at meetings.

Susan





Minutes September 13, 2014

Next Board meeting September 23 at 5:00 p.m. Jason's Deli

Mail: Quilt show- Guntersville Rec Center, Oct. 10th and 11th. For more info call 256 582-6510. Quilt show-luka, Ms Sept. 19th and 20th. For more info call 662 287-7136. Quilt show Andalusia, Al Kiwanas bldg Nov. 7th and 8th. Letter received from National Quilt Museum requesting our guild recognize Charlotte N for becoming a member.

New Officers: Slate of officers for next year proposed from nominating committee: Pres- Inez R, V Pres- Paula B, Sec.- Judy S, Treas- Beth M, and new Board Member- Charlotte N. Elections are in November and nominations may be made from the floor, with permission of the nominee.

Community Service: Will continue to donate quilts to Central Church of Christ for disaster relief truck, and will also make newborn quilts for Easter Seals.

Hospitality: Refreshments more plentiful today. Thank you.

Kentuck: Inventory sheets and tags are available on back table for items at Kentuck. Sign up sheets are also on back table. Thank you to all who contributed squares for booth.

Library: Back in library are the Jane Sassaman book and the Color Play, also available T-Shirt quilting and book on miniature quilts.

Membership: Members present-55 and there are 3 visitors present. Birthdays announced.

Name Tag: Names drawn were Cheryl S, Christine Lc, Teresa M, and Tara L.

Workshop: Ideas for minor workshops for next year were discussed

Newsletter: Deadline for newsletter submissions September 25.

Retreat: Next retreat will be first weekend in January. List will be available next month

Sunshine: Quiet month. One member announced pregnancy.

Opportunity Quilt: Kits are available for members to take home and piece for next years quilt, hoping to have it complete before spring. Bring pieced blocks back next month.

Get to know you: Judy W has been quilting for 10 years, calls herself a "fabriholic", Katrina transplant, interested in learning new techniques. Julie T, joined guild 19 years ago, quilts because she wants her family to have heirlooms.

Round Robin: Next month is last switch. Today we saw results of Laurie P-D, Beth Mi and Debbie T.

Just Finish It- Laurie , Julie T, Fay L, Rose O, Sara T, Christine L, Paula B, and Mary B.

Bring and Brag- Debbie W, Hallie O, Nan G, Deanna T, Teresa M, Martha M, Martha S, Marjorie S, Tara L, Mary Lou P, Joanne W, Steven H, Inez R, Laura W, and Sandra B.

Program: Judy Collins on Miniature Quilts. Judy's tips handout will be available at the October meeting.





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Reminders:

It's Kentuck time, so bring all your donation items and sale items.

If you checked out blocks to stitch up for our next Opportunity Quilt, please finish them and return them to Beth.

If you are participating in the 2014 Round Robin, remember to turn in your "second round" and know that you get your project back at the October meeting! Wonder what it will look like now?

Show us your "Just Finish It" completed projects.

Food! We love our snacks!